

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

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BIDI WORKERS
RAMANAND SINGH

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes being implemented for the upliftment of child labourers of Madhya Pradesh which has a large number of bidi workers;
- (b) whether more than fifteen thousand child labourers are engaged in bidi making in Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh have sent a proposal to the Union Government for launching a child - labour project for those child labourers; and
- (d) if so, the action being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d): As per the information received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) are already under implementation in 6 districts of the State, namely, Durg, Rajnandgaon, Bilaspur, Surguja, Raigarh and Mandasaur. Proposals for additional NCLPs, have been received. Action has already been initiated for consideration of these project proposals.

In a Survey conducted in the year 1997, the total number of child labourers found working in all the hazardous establishments, including the Bidi industry were 11209.